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TRANSFORMATION METHOD

Amendment in Response to Restriction Requirement

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2003, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 8-17, and 19, without prejudice.

Please amend claim 18 as follows:

18. A plant transformation expression cassette according to claim 4, wherein said chimeric selectable marker gene has the sequence identified by SEQ ID NO:4.